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In re patent application of

Hideo Kikuchi et al.

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For: OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE PATH, MANUFACTURING METHOD AND
COUPLING METHOD OF THE SAME, AND OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE PATH
COUPLING STRUCTURE

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF
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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the Priority Document submitted and filed on November 29, 2001, be officially acknowledged. Attached is a copy of the first page of the Priority Document and a copy of the date-stamped postcard. A Notice of Allowance was mailed on May 17, 2004. However, the Examiner has only partially acknowledged the Priority Document. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner officially acknowledge the Priority Document. Approval and acknowledgment of receipt are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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Method and Coupling Method of the ... Structure
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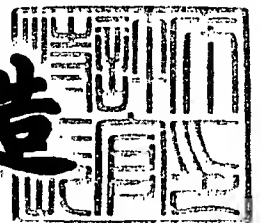
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